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～ KOMATSU-SAN OF THE NEWSPAPER CLUB ～

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I finally came across the moment he's yawning,
Yawwwn
I didn't get enough sleep...
You're yawning...?
!!
or so I thought.
WHOOSH
HERE'S MY CHANCE!!!
—I failed...!!!
ピース-ピースピース

NEWSPAPER CLUB
RECRUITING MEMBERS
NEWSPAPER CLUB
SOON, I'LL MAKE A MARK ON AOI-KUN!!
NEWSPAPER CLUB - SECOND YEAR
KOMATSU AKINA
I love taking pictures.
I'd like a single-lens digital camera!!!
I CAN BUY A NEW CAMERA!
THE AMOUNT OF REQUESTS AND THEREFORE THE AMOUNT I EARN WILL BOTH INCREASE IF I SUCCESSFULLY TAKE THIS SHOT!!!
NO!!
...WOULDN'T IT BETTER IF YOU WEREN'T SO FIXATED ON HIM?
What a troubling child

T/N: THIS IS THE YEN SIGN. THE YEN IS THE OFFICIAL CURRENCY OF JAPAN.

That's fine! It'll be 200 yen. After I take the photo, I'll send it to you.

I'd like you to email me a photo of Yamamoto-kun. One of him eating lunch.

Lately, I've been making side money by taking pictures in private.

Since I'm always carrying my digital camera,

I get a lot of requests where people want me to take pictures of popular students.

I want the "single-lens reflex camera" of my dreams!!

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HE'S WITH A GIRL AGAIN...

I can't take a picture.

Ah!

Aoi-kun of the Student Council is refreshing and popular,

but I don't like the way he usually just smiles.

Boo

You know why!!

Why can't I...?

HE'S POUTING!! HERE'S MY CHANCE!!!

Whoosh!!

KA-CHASH

KA-CHASH

I can't handle these requests at all...

I thought I had caught a candid shot though!!

WHY DID HE SMILE AGAIN TO THE CAMERA AGAIN?!

WAIT FOR ME TO BRING IT!!

I'd like to have it, please!

DID YOU TAKE THE PICTURE OF AOI-KUN?

Give my regards to the club—Prez!!!
I'm going to start tailing him now!!!
THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS!!!
CHEERY
CHEERY
YEAH, YEAH.
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE FRUSTRATED, RIGHT?
That's why he takes a pose!!
Right!! He definitely notices the camera aimed at him!!
YUP!!
SCRIPT
Err
OTHER THAN THE YAWNING ONE
I'LL CONFIRM SOME OTHER REQUESTS FOR THE TIME BEING
it's a request so it's important to finish it properly!!!
BEEP
BEEP
ONE WHERE HE'S FALLING OVER... CHANGING INTO HIS GYM CLOTHES...
ONE WHERE HE'S PICKING HIS NOSE...
I GUESS THEY REALLY LIKE THIS STUFF...
I don't get it
I'M GONNA DROP BY TODAY—
Ahaha
EHH? WHERE?
All right!!!
AFTER THE STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING WRAPS UP, I'LL AMBUSH HIM HERE!!!
Any minute now!!!
SNEAK
?
I'm getting frustrated, but

I sent Prez in basketball today—
You really did
...He's here!!!
Time to start tailing him!!!
He's a shrimp, so I overlook him a lot
Eh?! Making excuses?
What a sore loser
THE STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE GOING HOME AFTER ALL, HUH...
Hmm hmm
Ah!! They're splitting up!!!
How lucky
See you later
Hellooo♡ Ayumi-chan? You called?
—HE'S ON THE PHONE !!!
SEEM LIKE HE'S TALKING TO A GIRL !!!
As expected of someone who loves women. »
MM?!

SLIDE
DASH
Welcome
I WONDER IF HE'S RENTING SOMETHING?!
HE'S GOING INTO TSUTAYA...
.....
—OH, HE'S RETURNING IT...?
Ahaha!
This movie's funny isn't it?
Yup! I really liked it ♡
—He's good friends with the clerk...
LOOKS LIKE AOI-KUN HAS A HUGE AMOUNT OF GIRLS...
I want to find out more...
EXCITED
SLIDE
Ah!
He's leaving already?!
Thank you very much

Then I'll leave, too!!
SLIDE
Hey, he's here!!!
He's stopping!!!
!!
Haaa!
HAVE I BEEN EXPOSED?!
Crap!!
HIDE

Ah.
I want to take a picture.
HE LOOKS KIND OF SAD...
SNFF
...KOMATSU-SAN?
GASP

I... I'M THINKING ABOUT TAKING A PICTURE OF THE SKY...
KA-FLASH
...!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
Ugh...!
ERR... THAT'S...
Sh-! Shoot!!!
Just now, I impulsively clicked and my camera...!!
EH ♡ A RARE SHOT ♡ WANNA SEE?
=? WHAT DID =?
...?
BEEP
AND SAVED ♡
GYAAAA-AAAAA!!!
LOOK, YOUR EYES ARE LIDDED AND YOUR MOUTH IS HALF-OPEN ♡
Ahaha!

!!
I've been exposed!!
KOMATSU-SAN, YOU TAKE PHOTOS OF A LOT OF PEOPLE, DON'T YOU?
Stolen shots
I NEVER GAVE YOU A CHANCE TO TAKE MINE, THOUGH.
THAT'S PRETTY EMBARRASSING, ISN'T IT?
GRAB
DELETE IT!!!
DE-!
WHOOSH
Nooope
—THAT'S... IT'S BECAUSE I'M ACCEPTING REQUESTS...
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
YOU SHOULD REJECT THOSE.
AND SAY THAT YOU CAN'T TAKE PICTURES, WITHOUT PERMISSION. GOT IT?
SMILE
EHH? YOU TOOK A PHOTO OF ME A LITTLE WHILE AGO, DIDN'T YOU?
—THEN... I WON'T TAKE PICTURES OF YOU ANYMORE, AOI-KUN, SO PLEASE DELETE IT...
That photo on your phone
That won't make us even
SWOOSH
SWOOSH
THAT WASN'T REALLY... I WAS JUST KINDA...
YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE GOING TO CRY, I GUESS... IT WAS PRETTY...
My hands move on their own
.....

Yup ♡
HELP YOU?
You don't have to show it to me again!!
IF YOU DO, I'LL DELETE IT!!
THEN COME AND HELP ME TOMOR-ROW!!
...HUH?
CARRYING BAGS?
WHY?
Ah, it's Komatsu-san.
I HAVE TO GO BUY SOME STUFF, 'CAUSE I LOST AT ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS.

KOMATSU-SAAAN! THANKS FOR THE PICTURE OF IKEDA-KUN THE OTHER DAY ♥
NO PROBLEM, NO PROBLEM.
BUT, YOU KNOW, THIS GIRL HERE HAS A REQUEST.
THAT'S FINE. WHAT IS IT?
I'll be lonely by myself!
Go by yourself!! What was the point of doing "rock-paper-scissors"!!
...Wha-
what a paiiiin!!!
BUT HE STILL HAS THAT PHOTO ON HIS PHONE !!!
That's so awful.
UGH!
I HAVE TO GO TO THE BATH-ROOM, 'KAY?

...A crying face!!!
WHISPER
UM!! HOW ABOUT ONE OF AOI-KUN CRYING? ♥
I'm sorry
Furthermore, Aoi-kun is here!!!
That'd be nice!!! That's a face that boys probably don't want people to see!!!
EXCITED
EXCITED
It'll probably be a little difficult, but
since we'll be together today, I might have a chance!!!
Kya!
GOT IT!!! BUT IT'LL BE EXPENSIVE ♡
OKAY! ♥ I'M SO HAPPY! ♥
I'll leave it to you —

The tables have turned!!
?
Fufu...
JUST WATCH!!
I'll take a picture of him with a crying face and a weird ↗face.
I want to take one of him looking frustrated
YOU WERE TALKING TO SOMEONE JUST NOW, WEREN'T YOU?
There were girls voices!
I WASN'T!!
—HOW SHOULD I PUT THIS...
HEAVE
THESE ARE REALLY HEAVY, YOU KNOW!!!
These were supposed to be carried back by only one person!
THAT'S WHY I HAD YOU CARRY THE BAGS ♡
I added more stuff to it too ♡
Ahaha
THAT'S CRUEL!!!

I don't get it
Really, I don't understand why everyone's into this kind of person...
I WONDER IF WE'LL NEED SOME MORE HANDS FOR THE NEXT ONE...
Haa
HE'S A DEMON...
That's it
But this is...
BOTH OF MY HANDS ARE FULL, SO I CAN'T TAKE A PICTURE!!!
WHEEZE
!!
WHEEZE
EHHH... THERE'S MORE...?
GEEZ, DON'T DROP THE STUFF YOU'RE CARRYING...
WHY'D YOU DO THAT SO SUDDENLY?
THUD
THUD

I spotted a really pretty vapor trail!!!
A clear autumn sky is really pretty, isn't it!! !
The picture I took had a nice feeling to it!!

AH!!!!
.....
WAH
SORRY!!! I DROPPED THE STUFF I WAS CARRYING!!!
I TOOK THE PICTURE REFLEXIVELY ...!!!
NONE OF IT'S FRAGILE, SO IT'S FINE.
.....
WHAT?
KOMATSU-SAN, DO YOU
LOVE TAKING PICTURES OF THE SKY, OR SOMETHING?

...? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I THOUGHT THAT TAKING STOLEN PICTURES OF PEOPLE WAS YOUR HOBBY ♥
THAT'S NOT IT!!! I JUST TAKE THOSE BECAUSE I'M ASKED!!!
NORMALLY, I TAKE PICTURES OF SCENERY OR WHATEVER!!
I DO MAKE A LOT OF MONEY, THOUGH!!
IS THAT SO?
THAT SOUNDS KINDA FUN.
SMILE
.....
YUP.
YAAAY
KI-RI-SH!!

I DIDN'T NEED A PEACE SIGN...
EHH ♡ IT'S A CONDITIONED REFLEX?
EVEN THOUGH YOU FINALLY MADE A NICE EXPRESSION..
WELL, WHATEVER. HAND ME THOSE THINGS.
I'LL HAVE TO WAIT A LITTLE LONGER.
RUSTLE
AH...
THUD...
SO HEAVY...?!!
BECAUSE THOSE ARE FULL OF PAINT CANS!
PULL
I can't lift these any higher...!!
.....
Compared to the bags I was carrying,
his bags are much heavier...
TH-! THEN, THERE WAS NO POINT IN HAVING ME HELP YOU TO CARRY STUFF!!
JUST IN CASE YOU'RE ACTUALLY A GIRL, KOMATSU-SAN.
Hahaha!
...ANYWAY!! I'M PHYSICALLY STRONG!!
JUST IN CASE HE SAYS!!

I guess he's only popular because he gets so familiar with the girls...
He does things like carrying those heavy bags
and he's been casually walking next to the roadway for a while now.
STILL,
YOU CAN HAVE THE LIGHT ONES, KOMATSU-SAN.
Give me those
These are too heavy
WELL, SHALL WE GO?
.....
—YEAH...
A GENTLE-MAN...
As I thought,

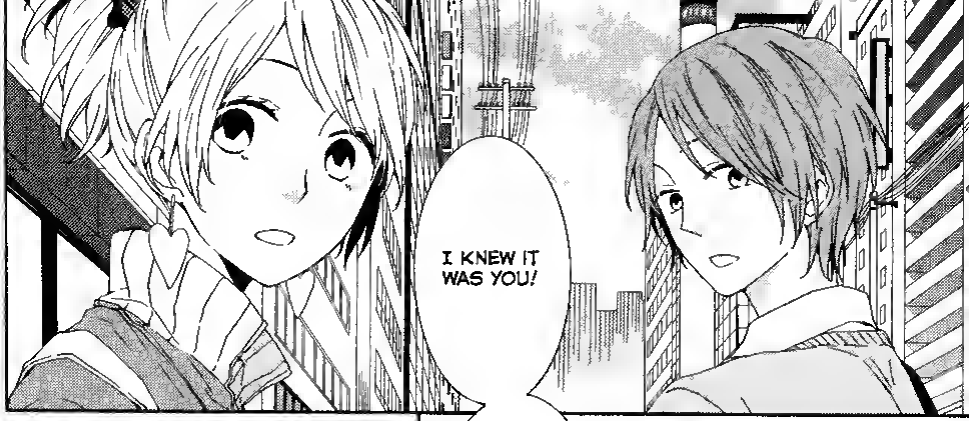
I wonder if they fell in love with him because of something like this?
—HEY, KOMATSU-SAN...
YEAH?
DO YOU LIKE ME?
HUHH?!! NOT AT ALL!!!
Don't misunderstand!!
AHAHA!
YOU'RE BLUNT, HUH?
Ah, that smiling face again?
SHOULD WE STORE THE BAGS IN A LOCKER FOR A LITTLE BIT?
EH?! WHY?!!
THEY'RE IN THE WAY.

I'LL HAVE ATSUSHI AND THE OTHERS COME GET THESE. .
What!!
I'll send him an E-mail
AND WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?
WE'RE GOING TO BUY A PRESENT.
A PRESENT? FOR A GIRL?
NOPE MY OLDER BROTHER IS GETTING MARRIED PRETTY SOON, SO IT'S A CONGRAT-ULATORY GIFT.
WE CAN CHOOSE IT TOGETHER
HE'S LOYAL, HUH...
IF IT'S FOR YOUR OLDER BROTHER, SHOULDN'T IT BE CHOSEN BY A GUY?
BUT IT'S GIFT FOR THE COUPLE.
WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD BE GOOD, KOMATSU-SAN?
EHH... A WEDDING GIFT, HUH...
HMMM...
AN OBJECT... FLOWERS... A TOWEL...? ...!!!
A PICTURE FRAME!!!

IF I GOT MARRIED, I'D WANT TO HAVE A PHOTO OF THE TWO OF US
DISPLAYED FOREVER!!!
—THAT'S KINDA COMMON, ISN'T IT
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ASKED FOR MY OPINION!!
—A PICTURE, HUH...
I DON'T LIKE PICTURES VERY MUCH, YOU KNOW.
HUH?!!
EVEN THOUGH YOU LOOK AT THE CAMERA MORE THAN OTHERS DO...?!
You even make a peace sign!!
THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S FOR OTHER PEOPLE.
I'M SOME-ONE WHO DOESN'T
HAVE ANY PICTURES OF HIMSELF.

INSTEAD OF TAKING A PICTURE,
I'D RATHER HAVE THAT MOMENT BURNED INTO MY EYES FOREVER.
SO I CAN TREASURE IT INSIDE OF MYSELF.
—WELL...
YOU'RE COMPLETELY AGAINST THAT, AREN'T YOU?
IT'S LIKE I SAID.
I'M SURE THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SAVE PHOTOS, BUT
FOR THE TIME BEING, LET'S GO LOOK AT PICTURE FRAMES AND ALBUMS ♡ THEY'RE COMMON GIFT ITEMS, THOUGH ♡
YOU'RE SO PERSISTENT, CALLING THEM COMMON ITEMS!!!
SORRY, SORRY
—I wonder why...

PHOTOFRAME
I wonder what's different...
Are you thinking seriously?...
How's this?
I WONDER IF IT'S BECAUSE I LIKE PHOTOGRAPHS...
Although what he's saying is appealing, and even though I'm getting carried away a little...
IN THE END...
I'M GLAD WE FOUND SOMETHING NICE.
AOI-KUN!!!
.....
YUP. IT'S FINE, ISN'T IT?
ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE PICTURE FRAME?
KOMATSU-SAN, YOU HAVE NO TASTE.
It's a gas right?
BUT
PHOTO
I WOULD'VE GONE FOR SOMETHING COOLER...
IT'S KINDA FANCY THOUGH...


I KNEW IT WAS YOU!

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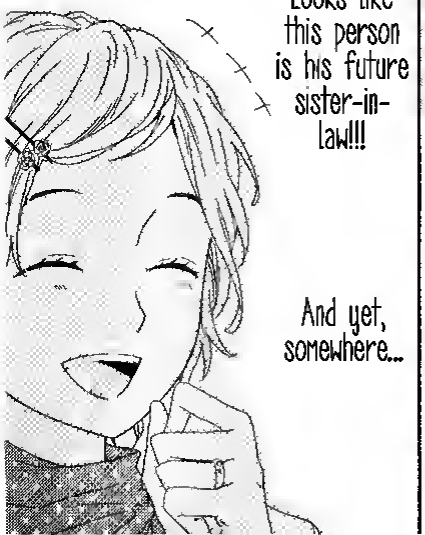
YOUR RELATION-SHIP IS AS GOOD AS EVER ♡
I'm embarrassed
IS THAT SO~
Older brother...

ARE YOU ON A DATE?


Looks like this person is his future sister-in-law!!!
And yet, somewhere...

I'M GOING OUT TO EAT WITH MAMORU-KUN! ♡♡
Ehehe
I'M NOT... KASUMI-CHAN, WHERE ARE YOU GOING LOOKING SO STYLISH?
WITH NII-SAN?

So they were close, huh!!
I see!!
THAT'S RIGHT. HERE.
Ah!!
..SHE'S THE CLERK FROM TSUDAYA!!..
Ahaha!
This movie is funny isn't it?
Wah
EHHHHH!! ARE YOU SURE?!!
I'M GIVING YOU YOUR WEDDING PRESENT NOW ♡
I'LL SAVE TIME BY NOT GOING TO MY BROTHER'S PLACE.
IT'S A PICTURE FRAME.
WHAT IS IT!!
I'M SORRY~
HE'S GIVING IT TO HER HERE...
Is that okay?
Ehhhhh!!
THANK YOU!!
MAMORU-KUN AND I
WILL TREASURE IT.

CONGRATS.
SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO KEEP YOU HERE.
NII-SAN IS WAITING FOR YOU, ISN'T HE?
Ah!
THAT'S RIGHT!! HE'LL SAY I'M SLOW AGAIN!!
YOU ARE SLOW ♡
Geez~
See you later!
To your friend too!
BYE-BYYYE ♡
GOOD-BYE.
.....

SHE'S CUTE, ISN'T SHE?
—HEY, AOI-KUN...
HEY, YOU'RE NOT LOOKING AT HER AS SOMEONE OLDER THAN YOU, ARE YOU?
...SHE'S KIND OF A GENTLE AND CUTE PERSON, ISN'T SHE?
And small
YOU LIKE THAT KIND OF PERSON, RIGHT?
The comforting type?
I LIKE ALL GIRLS ♥
YOU'RE LYING!
YOU WERE KIND OF DIFFERENT A WHILE AGO? YOU WERE SMILING, BUT AREN'T YOU ACTUALLY SAD BECAUSE SHE'S GETTING MARRIED?
YOU CAN'T FOOL THE EYES OF A FUTURE PHOTOGRA-PHER!!!
NOPE, NOPE.
BECAUSE KASUMI-CHAN IS MY OLDER BROTHER'S FIANCÉE.

EXCITED
I CAN USE THIS AS MATERIAL!!
YOU DID!!
I'LL UNDERSTAND IF YOU HAVE AN UNREQUITED LOVE!!!
RIGHT!!
I DIDN'T.
BUT
EVEN WHEN YOU WERE IN FRONT OF TSUDAYA BEFORE, YOU HAD THAT SAME HEARTBROKEN EXPRESSION.
I'M INTERESTED IN YOUR LOVE LIFE, AOI-KUN!!!
YOU CAN TELL ME ABOUT IT IF YOU'D LIKE!!
When did you fall in love?!
Is it because she actually sooths you?!
—IS THAT SO...
ARE YOU THAT GENEROUS? THAT KIND OF IMAGE.
RIGHT!!
Just a little!!

YOU'RE LIKE THE OTHER GIRLS, KOMATSU-SAN.
I DON'T WANT YOU KNOWING UNNECESSARY THINGS ABOUT ME.
YOU'RE NOT SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN ME.
BECAUSE YOU, YOURSELF, SEEMED APATHETIC TOWARDS ME.
YOU JOINED ME TO GO SHOPPING, BUT
WE DON'T HAVE THE SAME STYLE. STILL,
I WAS GLAD THAT YOU CAME WITH ME.
AH!
I'M NOT!!! I WAS JUST USING IT FOR MATERIAL...
IN THAT CASE,
MATERIAL? FOR THE NEWSPAPER CLUB?

YOU'RE
EVEN WORSE.
.....
Ah...
.....
I'M GOING HOME.
Yeah...
I'M...

"You're not seriously interested in me."
But
he said something
so sad.
That fancy
picture frame was
just
perfect
for her.
The worst...
I got carried away, and the gentle Aoi-kun
got really angry.
There are limits to being insensitive.

Mornin~!
I'D ALSO HATE IT IF WE WERE TO RUN INTO EACH OTHER SOMEWHERE..
THAT'D BE AWKWARD...
TO BE HONEST, I'M GLAD THAT WE CAN'T SEE EACH OTHER, SINCE WE'RE IN DIFFERENT CLASSES..
SLOWLY
SLOWLY
IF I GO THROUGH THE NORTH SIDE, THERE SHOULD ONLY BE A FEW PEOPLE...
AH!! THE PHOTO OF AOI-KUN, RIGHT?!
I'M SORRY, I HAVEN'T TAKEN IT YET...
Well, I can't even think of taking a picture of him now...
.....
!!!
...? MORNING...

Haha
HOW DO I PUT THIS...? I PROBABLY WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE IT...
...WELL?
DID YOU GO ON A DATE WITH AOI-KUN?
Eh...
THIS... FROM YESTER-DAY...?
...HUH!?
YOU WERE CLOSE BY?!
WHAT IS THIS... AH!!
You should have said it!!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU SHAME-LESS WOMAN!!!
YOU SAID YOU'D TAKE A PHOTO. YOU DEFINITELY HAD A CHANCE!
ANYWAY, WERE THE TWO OF YOU ON A DATE OR SOME-
HOW SLY!!
Huh?!!

Wai...!!
THAT IS!
IT'S BECAUSE I RECEIVE REQUESTS FROM EVERYONE, RIGHT?!
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M SECRETLY TAKING PHOTOS BECAUSE I LIKE IT!!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY BEHIND YOUR BACK?
THAT THEY SAY YOU'RE A "PEEPING PHOTOGRAPHER GIRL"?
THAT YOU JUST TAKE PICTURES OF ALL THE PEOPLE YOU DON'T LIKE?
YOU'RE JUST GREEDY!!
YOU'RE DOING IT BECAUSE YOU WANT MONEY, RIGHT?
EVEN THOUGH YOU COULD TURN THEM DOWN?
EHH? NO WAY! IT'S BECAUSE OF PEOPLE, YOU SAY?
"I can't talk back...
I'm...
BUT, HONESTLY, YOU'RE GROSS AREN'T YOU?
YOU'RE GETTING CARTED AWAY, YOU KNOW!
Ahaha!
...!
Even though I want to talk back,
"You should reject those."
—That...
Even Aoi-kun
said that...

an idiot...
AHHH,
KOMATSU-SAAAAN.
.....
AOI-KUN...

AH! IDIOT!!!
AOI-KUN, KOMATSU-SAN SAID SHE'LL TAKE A PHOTO OF YOU CRYING... SO I ASKED—
EH! HEY!
MORNING ♡ WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
Let me join in ♡
K-ya!
Morning!!
K-ya!
Aoi-kun!!
.....
EHHHHH? SEE YOU ♡
THEN! WE'RE OFF NOW!
Hi-!
IT'S NOTHING!!
Geez—!! Yuka, you #asser-mouth!!
Sorry!!!
STEP
EEK!
STEP
Even though he was so mad at me yesterday.
THAT'S GOOD, HUH?
THEY'RE GONE.
—Why...?

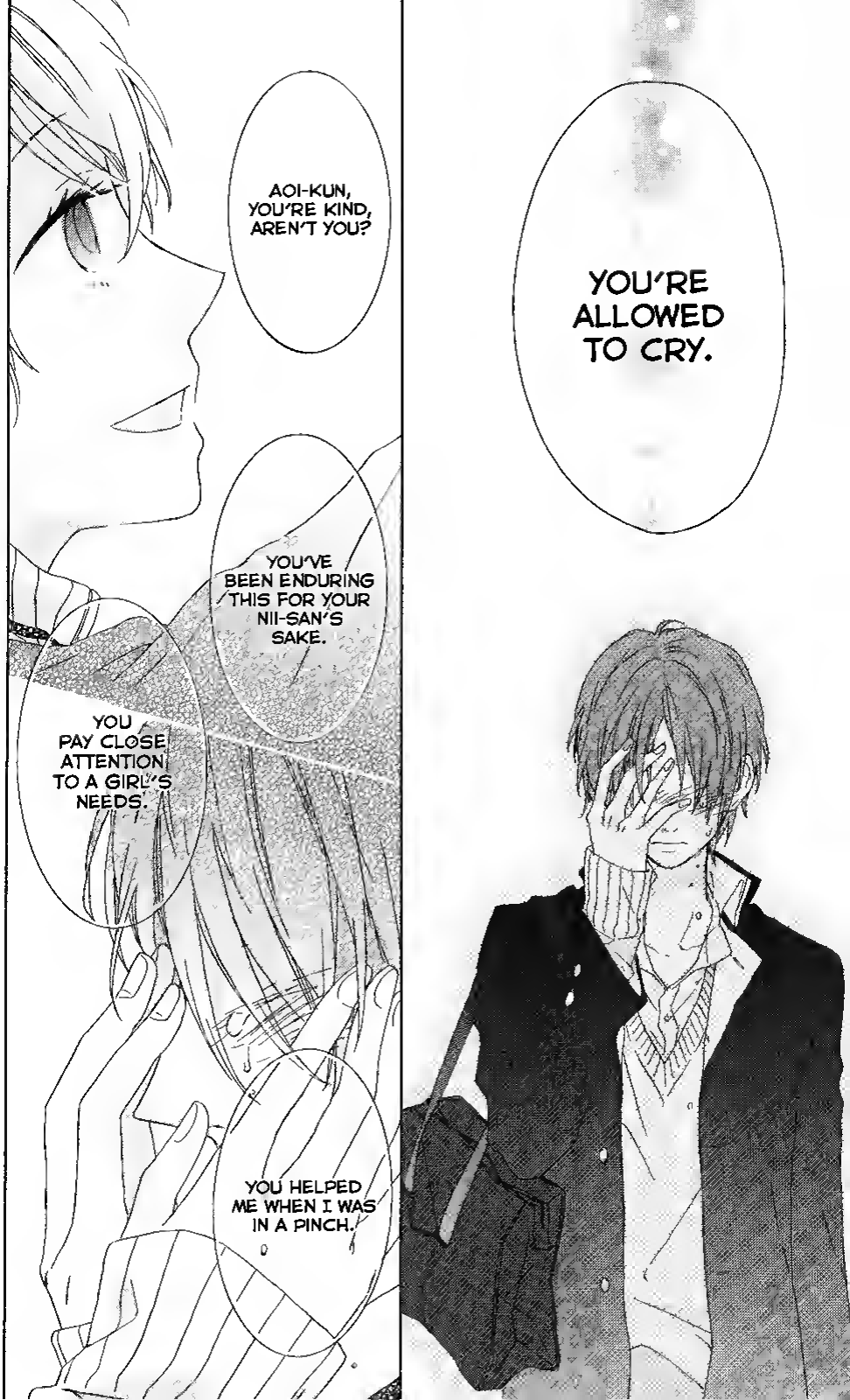
smiling
like that?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
Why is this person
AOI-KUN, I KNOW YOUR SMILING FACE IS FAKE, SO
I REALLY HATE IT!!
IT'S JUST A LIE.

EVEN WHEN YOU'RE REALLY SAD,
OR YOU'RE IN PAIN, YOU PUT ON A RIDICULOUS SMILING FACE.
YOU'RE ALWAYS SHOWING THAT FORCED SMILE.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, I'D RATHER SEE YOU GET MAD, LIKE YESTERDAY!!
I SAID TOO MUCH YESTERDAY, SO I WAS THINKING OF APOLOGIZING...
...BUT I'M NOT MAD ANYMORE?
I DON'T NEED SOMETHING LIKE THAT!!
...YOU DON'T NEED IT?
YOU'RE ONLY INTERESTED IN ME TO GET SOME MATERIAL.
I don't need it.
DID YOU STOP?
...I'M NOT STOPPING.
Because
I

I HAD AN INTEREST IN YOU, AOI-KUN!!
want to know more and more about Aoi-kun.
So, tell me.
YOU'VE BEEN ON MY MIND!!
BUT
YOU COULD SAY THAT YOU SOMEWHAT GOT ON MY NERVES,

IN FRONT OF TSUDAYA,
YOU HAD AN EXPRESSION LIKE YOU WERE GOING TO CRY.
YOU LIKE HER, RIGHT?
"Burned into my eyes forever,
So I can treasure it inside of myself."
EVEN ABOUT PHOTOGRAPHS... YOU SAID SOMETHING PRETTY, BUT
YOU HAD A PAINFUL LOOK, HADN'T YOU?
.....
—KOMATSU-SAN, YOU'RE REALLY BLUNT, AREN'T YOU...?
...BUT SHE'S GOING TO MARRY YOUR OLDER BROTHER, RIGHT?

IT'S EASY
TALKING TO THAT KIND OF PERSON...
THE FIRST TIME NII-SAN INVITED KASUMI-CHAN TO COME OVER AT HOME, I INSTANTLY LIKED HER.
SHE'S BEEN NII-SAN'S SINCE THE BEGINNING.
THERE'S NO WAY THAT I COULD CONFESS...
...IN THAT CASE, AT LEAST


AOI-KUN, YOU'RE KIND, AREN'T YOU?
YOU'VE BEEN ENDURING THIS FOR YOUR NII-SAN'S SAKE.
YOU PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO A GIRL'S NEEDS.
YOU HELPED ME WHEN I WAS IN A PINCH.
YOU'RE ALLOWED TO CRY.

THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE LIKED YOU AS YOU ARE UP TO THIS POINT

ARE HAPPY, RIGHT?

...IT'S SO PRETTY
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE A PICTURE?
.....
—I'M CRYING RIGHT NOW...
...After that,
THAT I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO TAKE A GOOD SHOT.

I've considered it. It's not good to take photos of private lives after all.
I DON'T TAKE REQUESTS ANYMORE.
...I'M SORRY.
I stopped selling photographs.
From now on, I'll try to take more photos of what I want to capture for myself.
WAVE
WAVE
AH, KOMATSU-SAN!!
HMMM... ONE MORE...
BEEP
BEEP

Aoi-kun is the same as ever, surrounded by girls, but
AOI-KUN.
WHAT ARE YOU TAKING PICTURES OF?
FIELD HORSE-TAIL.
I guess I could use galoshes?
IT'S SURPRISINGLY DIFFICULT...
I don't really get it though
OHH?
he calls out to me every now and then.
I WONDER WHY HE DOESN'T GET A GIRL-FRIEND.
WELL, PERHAPS HE JUST HASN'T MOVED ON YET.
DO YOU JUST TAKE A PHOTO OF IT ONE BY ONE?
AH! DON'T PICK THEM!!!
I WON'T PICK THEM.
BECAUSE I'M GOING TO TAKE A PICTURE.

...I THOUGHT SO BEFORE, TOO, BUT WHEN YOU TAKE PICTURES, KOMATSU-SAN,
YOU LOOK REALLY HAPPY ♡
EH?!
IS THAT NO GOOD?!
It's because I enjoy it!!
NOPE. IT'S CUTE.
...THANKS.
BLUSH
AH! YOU'RE EMBARRASSED ♡
ANYWAY, YOU DON'T HAVE A BOYFRIEND, RIGHT?
BLUUUSH...
THAT'S RIGHT!!
DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT?!
Leave me alone!!
IS THAT SO?
THEN I WONDER IF I SHOULD TRY TO BE A CANDIDATE?
OHHHHH? THAT'S FINE, ISN'T...

That smiling face.

Is it real?

Or is it fake?

I found out three seconds later.

《THE END》